

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1-32 are currently pending in the application, of which claims 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 are independent claims. Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 1-28 and 32 contain allowable subject matter.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above amendments do not add new matter to the application and are fully supported by the specification. Support for the amendments may be found at least at page 11, lines 3, 6 and 17 of the specification.

Entry of the Amendments and Remarks is respectfully requested because entry of Amendment places the present application in condition for allowance, or in the alternative, better form for appeal. No new matters are believed to be added by these Amendments. In view of the above amendments and the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and timely withdrawal of the pending objections and rejections for the reasons discussed below.

Drawing Objection

In the Office Action, the drawings were objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they did not include the reference sign “300”, which is mentioned in the specification on page 10.

Figures 3 and 11 have been amended to include the reference sign “300”, as shown in the attached drawing sheets. Figures 3 and 11 have also been amended to change the word “COLLUMN” to “COLUMN”. Finally, in Figure 11, the reference sign “110” for the TIMING CONTROLLER was changed to “100”, as per specification page 23, line 23.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the drawing objection.

Claim Objection

In the Office Action, Claim 1 was objected to because of informalities.

Claim 1 has been amended to correct such informalities. Claim 29 was also amended to correct informalities. These amendments are made for the sole purpose of correcting the noted and recently discovered informalities. These amendments are not made for the purpose of avoiding prior art or narrowing the claimed invention, and no change in claim scope is intended. Therefore Applicants do not intend to relinquish any subject matter by these amendments. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1, as amended, overcomes the stated objection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection for claim 1.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 1-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite.

In the Office Action, the Examiner alleged that in claims 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, “the third line” in the recitation “the eighth electrode being electrically connected to the third line” has no antecedent basis. Claims 2-7, 9-14, 16-21, 23-28 and 30-32 were rejected because they depend from the rejected base claims 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 respectively.

Claims 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 have been amended. These amendments are made for the sole purpose of clarifying claims 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. These amendments are not made for the purpose of avoiding prior art or narrowing the claimed invention, and no change in claim scope is intended. Therefore, Applicants do not intend to relinquish any subject matter by these

amendments. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-32, as amended, fully comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejection of claims 1-32.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 29-31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by U. S. Patent No. 6,380,689 B1 issued to Okuda (“Okuda”). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the following reasons.

As amended, claim 29 recites an organic light emitting apparatus, comprising: “...a voltage applying line applying potential difference, the voltage applying line having first and second ends, the first and second ends being electrically connected to the power supplying part, wherein power is supplied through the first and second ends ...” Okuda does not teach such a feature.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection of claims 29-31. Since none of the other prior art of record discloses or suggests all the features of the claimed invention, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 29, and all the claims that depend therefrom are allowable.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 1-28 and 32 contain allowable subject matter. Independent claims 1, 8, 15 and 22 have been amended. Accordingly, Applicants submit

that claims 1-28 are in condition for allowance. For the reasons discussed above, applicants submit that claim 32, which depends from claim 29, is also in condition for allowance.

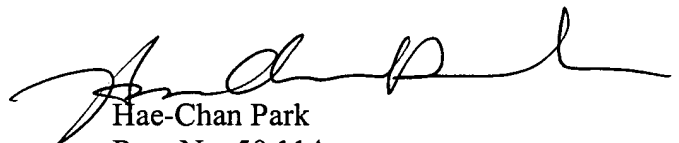
CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the pending Office Action and respectfully submit that all of the stated objections and grounds for rejection have been overcome or rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number below to expedite prosecution.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

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